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Treasurer's Account.

Expenditures for the Year 1882, ending March 1, 1883.

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid Solon A. Carter, State Treasurer,	$628 00
Harry Hough, County Treasurer	738 34

SCHOOLS.

Paid Ira T. Jenkins, Pru. Com. Dist No. 1, for 1882, in full,	$106 21	
Ivory H. Kelly, Pru. Com. Dist. No. 2, for 1882, in full,	255 57	
Charles W. Hayes, Pru. Com. Dist. No 3, for 1882, in full,	152 18	
Isaac G. Felker, Pru. Com. Dist. No. 4, for 1882, in full,	163 51	
Frank Freeman, for City of Dover, Hayes & Hills' proportion of school money for '82,	21 57	
		$699 04

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX, DIST. NO. 4.

Paid Isaac G. Felker, school house tax in full,	$96 35

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Albert Varney, 1st selectman,	$25 00
William S. Hayes, 2d selectman,	25 00
Edward Pendexter, Jr., 3d selectman,	25 00
John C. Hanson, collector,	30 00
Charles W. Hayes, treasurer,	15 00
Henry L. Felker, S. S. Committee,	16 00
Edward L. Young, town clerk, part of 1881,	4 00
" " " for 1882,	10 00
Edward L. Young, recording births, marriages and deaths, and enrolling militia and making returns,	6 00
E. L. Jenkins, supervisor, Nov. 1882,	3 00
" " " March, 1883,	3 00
Charles E Demeritt, supervisor, March, 1882,	3 00
" " " " Nov. 1882,	3 00
" " " " March, 1883,	3 00
David B. Hayes, supervisor, Nov. 1882,	3 00
" " " March, 1883,	3 00
	$177 00

DAMAGE BY DOGS IN 1881, PAID 1882.

Paid Edward Pendexter, 8 lambs,	$25 00
George Berry, 1 sheep,	5 00
Benj. F. Hayes, 1 lamb,	4 00
	$34 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Clara A. Miles for board of Sewell Miles from Sept. 17, 1881, to Dec. 10, 1881, 12 weeks, at $1.00 per week,	$12 00
Clara A. Miles for board of Sewell Miles from Aug. 9, 1882, to Sept. 13, 1882, 5 weeks, at $1.00 per week,	5 00
Patience Church for support of John H. and Ellen M. Church, from March 1, 1882, to March 1, 1883, 52 weeks, at $2.50 per week,	130 00

Paid O. C. Ingraham, 1 pr. boots for John H. Church, $2.50, 1 pr. boots for Ellen M. Church, $1.25,	3 75
J. Frank Seavey & Co., 2 pr. overalls, $1.30, 2 blue shirts, $2 00, 2 pr. hose, 50c.,	3 80
Isaac G. Felker for support of Nathaniel Church, from Feb. 3, 1882, to March 1, 1883, 56 weeks, at $1.00 per week,	56 00
	$210 55

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid L. A. Clough, 3700 feet 4 in. pine plank, at $18.00 per m.,	$66 60
Demeritt & Burnham, 1545 feet pine plank, at $18.00 per m.,	27 81
Charles E. Cate, for 688 feet bridge plank, at $16.00 per m.,	11 00
W. H. H. Twombly, 2475 feet timber for Miles bridge, at $12.00 per m.,	29 70
W. H. H. Twombly, 2 days work on Miles bridge, at $1.50,	3 00
W. H. H. Twombly, hauling timber,	1 00
Isaac G. Felker, 6 days labor on Miles bridge,	9 00
" " 3 " of 2 horses,	6 00
George M. Church, 3 days labor on bridges,	6 00
Stephen Jenkins, 30 hours labor on road, at 15c.	4 50
" " 8 1-2 hours use of cart, at 5c.	43
" " 25 loads clay, at 10c. load,	2 50
Catharine Gerrish, 51 1-2 hours labor on road, at 15c.,	7 72
Catharine Gerrish, 37 hours use of cart, plow and scraper, at 5c.,	1 85
J. H. Furnald, for bridge covering,	1 00
Benj. F. Hayes, posts and rails for watercourse,	1 00
	$179 11

WIDENING ROAD ON PETITION

from Martin V. B. Felkers to Thomas W. Fernalds.

Paid Martin V. B. Felker, in full for land taken to widen road,	$31 98
A. D. Nute, in full for land taken to widen road,	14 66
Thomas W. Fernald, in full for land taken to widen road,	31 67
	$78 31

BREAKING ROADS, MARCH, 1882.

Paid Ira T. Jenkins,	15	h's labor,	Dis. No.	1,	at 15c.	$2 25
Jno. Jenkins,	18 3-4	"		1,	"	2 81
E. L. Jenkins,	57	"		2,	"	8 55
James Daley,	36 1-2	"		3,	"	5 47
Ivory H. Kelly,	10	"		5,	"	1 50
Ab'm Morris'n,	9	"		6,	"	1 35
C. W. Hayes,	6	"		8,	"	90
Asa Young,	2	"		8,	"	30
A D. Nute,	9	"		9,	"	1 35
Albert Varney,	5	"		9,	"	75
W. S. Caldwell,	2 1-2	"		9,	"	37
Jas. J. Griffin,	8	"		13,	"	1 20
Ann Cole,	10	"		13,	"	1 50
Geo. O. Hayes,	2 1-2	"		14,	"	37
Walter Roberts,	2 1-2	"		14,	"	37
						$29 04

BREAKING ROADS IN THE YEAR 1882.

District No. 1.

Paid Ira T. Jenkins, 13 hours labor at 15c.	$1 95
Jonathan Jenkins, 24 hours labor at 15c.	3 60
	$5 55

District No. 2.

Paid E. L. Jenkins, Surveyor, 63 hours labor at 15c.	$9 45

District No. 3.

Paid James Daley, Surveyor,	209 hours labor at 15c.			$31 35

District No. 4.

Paid A. N. Jackson, Surveyor,	28 h'rs labor at 15c.			$4 20
Edward Pendexter,	47	"	"	7 05
Charles E. Perkins,	36	"	"	5 40
Samuel Glass,	20	"	"	3 00
Charles Henderson,	3	"	"	45
				$20 10

District No. 5.

Paid Ivory H. Kelly, Surveyor,	24 h'rs labor at 15c.			$3 60
Mary E. Kingman,	16	"	"	2 30
				$5 90

District No. 6.

Paid E. E. Demeritt, Surveyor,	17 h'rs labor at 15c.			$2 55
Frank Morrison,	6	"	"	70
Mary E. Kingman,	10	"	"	1 50
				$4 75

District No. 7.

Paid C. E. Tibbetts, Surveyor,	25 1-2 h'rs la'r at 15c.			$3 82
J. C. Hanson,	20 1-2	"	"	3 07
G. W. Bodge,	17 1-2	"	"	2 62
J. A. Randall,	4	"	"	1 05
				$10 56

District No. 8.

Paid Chas. W. Hayes, Surveyor,	45 h'rs l'b'r at 15c.			$6 75
Frank E. Tibbetts,	87	"	"	13 05
David H. Evans,	32	"	"	4 80
Asa Young,	5	"	"	75
				$25 35

District No. 9.

Paid A. D. Nute, Surveyor,	25	h'rs	labor at 15c.	$3 75
Albert Varney,	50	"	"	7 50
W. S. Caldwell,	21	"	"	3 15
A. B. Tallant,	34	"	"	5 10
T. W. Fernald,	33	"	"	4 95
				$24 45

District No. 10.

Paid Benj. F. Hayes, Surveyor,	16	h'rs	labor at 15c.	$2 40
David B. Hayes,	16	"	"	2 40
J. H. Fernald,	14	"	"	2 10
F. L. Richardson,	8	"	"	1 20
J. W. Hodgdon,	2 1-2		"	37 1-2
J. W. Fernald,	2 1-2		"	37 1-2
				$8 80

District No. 12.

Paid Chas. L. Huckins, S'rv'y'r,	24	h'rs	l'b'r at 15c.	$3 60
W. S. Hayes,	24	"	"	3 60
George Berry,	24	"	"	3 60
John B. Huckins,	3	"	"	45
				$11 25

District No. 13.

Paid Isaac G. Felker, Survey'r,	50 1-3	h'rs	l'r at 15c.	$7 55
Ann Cole,	78 2-3	"	"	11 80
W. H. H. Twombly,	56 2-3	"	"	8 50
George M. Church,	19	"	"	2 85
				$30 70

District No. 14.

Paid Geo. O. Hayes, Surveyor,	73	h'rs	labor at 15c.	$10 95

Paid George E. Bodge,	16 1-2 h'rs l'r at 15c.		2 22
John Roberts,	6	" "	70
			$13 87
			$202 13

BOUNTY ON CROWS.

Paid Irving E. Young,	bounty on	14	crows, at 10c.	$1 40
A. D. Nute,	"	4	"	40
Stephen Berry,	"	3	"	30
Herb. T. Jenkins,	"	7	"	70
Elery Felker,	"	1	"	10
Gilman Twombly,	"	3	"	30
Chas. E Jenkins,	"	5	"	50
Fred Demeritt,	"	4	"	40
W. F. Fernald,	"	6	"	60
John Smith,	"	11	"	1 10
E. Gerrish,	"	1	"	10
Charles Berry,	"	2	"	20
Charles Jenkins,	"	3	"	30
Chas. W. Hayes,	"	9	"	90
Benj. F. Hayes,	"	6	"	60
				$7 90

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Ann Cole, for horse injured by alleged defective highway,	$90 00
W. L. Foots, for damage to horse caused by alleged defective highway,	20 00
W. L. Hayes, 1 day to Portsmouth to consult counsel in Ann Cole case, and expenses,	3 80
W. S. Hayes, 2 days at Dover, attending court in Cole case,	4 00
W. S. Hayes, 1 day at Great Falls to settle with W. Foots for damage to horse,	2 00
W. S. Hayes, 2 days at hearing, and widening road on petition,	4 00
Libbey & Co., printing town accounts, March, 1881,	10 50

Paid Press Publishing Co., printing town accounts, March, 1882,	10 50
C. W. Davis, for team to get witness in A. Cole case,	1 50
Edward L. Young, stationery and postage in 1881 and 1882,	1 50
Edward Pendexter, 2 days widening road,	4 00
Albert Varney, post office box 9 months,	1 50
Charles W. Hayes, services as surveyor on widening road,	5 50
Albert Varney, 1 day at Exeter at court, and expenses,	2 90
Albert Varney, 2 days at Dover to court in Ann Cole case,	4 00
Albert Varney, 1 day at Portsmouth to consult counsel in Cole case,	2 00
Albert Varney, 2 days with county commissioners showing real estate and its valuation,	4 00
Albert Varney, 1 day with team to Great Falls to settle with W. L. Foots,	3 00
Albert Varney, 2 days hearing and widening highway on petition,	4 00
Albert Varney, 1 day at Dover to settle with county commissioners,	2 00
Albert Varney, 1 foot wood for town house,	50
Albert Varney, postage and stationery,	45
E. E. Demeritt, damage to horse by alleged insufficiency of highway in Isaac G. Felker's district,	10 00
E. J. Lane & Co., 2 inventory books, $1.25, 15 surveyor's books, $1.25,	2 50
E. J. Lane & Co., 1 collector's book, $1.00, letter and cap paper, 55c.	1 55
E. J. Lane & Co., ink, pens, pencils, and pass book,	46
E. J. Lane & Co., 4 check lists, 60c., 2 qrs. large paper, 80c.,	1 40
Justin G. Hayes, M. D., reporting 2 deaths before April 1, 1882, at 25c.	50
	$198 06

TOWN OF MADBURY IN ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER, CR.

By cash in treasury, March 1, 1882,	$69 40
State, County, Town and School Taxes collected,	2065 08
School House Tax, Dist. No. 4, collected in full except abatements,	96 35
Dog Tax collected,	44 00
Highway Tax collected,	72 90
Savings Bank Tax,	703 04
Railroad Tax,	83 09
Literary Fund,	27 14
Literary Fund interest, in C. W. Hayes' hands,	11 40
County for support of County Paupers,	210 55
John C. Hanson, coll. for the year 1881, part of his list,	30 72
John C. Hanson, coll. for the year 1881, highway part of his list,	4 20
John C. Hanson, coll. for the year 1881, interest on above,	1 92
	$3419 79

TOWN OF MADBURY IN ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER, DR.

Paid State Tax,	$628 00
County Tax,	738 34
Schools,	699 04
School House Tax, Dist. No. 4,	96 35
Salaries of Town Officers,	177 00
Damage by Dogs for the year 1881,	34 00
Support of Poor,	210 55
Roads and Bridges,	179 11
Widening Road,	78 31
Breaking Roads, March, 1882,	29 04
Breaking Roads for the year 1882,	202 13
Bounty on Crows,	7 90
Miscellaneous Bills,	198 06
Auditors,	2 00

Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1883,	139 96
	$3419 79

CHARLES W. HAYES, Treasurer.

ALBERT VARNEY,
W. S. HAYES,
EDWARD PENDEXTER, JR. } Selectmen of Madbury.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the Town Treasurer, and find them correctly cast, and all payments charged against the town properly vouched.

Madbury, March 1, 1883.

JACOB D. YOUNG,
THOMAS W. FERNALD, } Auditors.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1883.

State, County, Town and School Taxes, assessed 1882,	$2091 15
Highway Tax, assessed 1882,	881 79

DUE THE TOWN.

Outstanding, Albert Varney's list, 1880,	$2 80
" John C. Hanson's list, 1881,	11 00
" " " 1882,	17 40
Due from State for bounties paid before 1882,	16 10
" " " " 1882,	7 90
	$55 20

DUE FROM THE TOWN.

School Money due Dist. No. 2, divided 1880,	$6 52

DAMAGE DONE BY DOGS, 1882, PAYABLE APRIL 1, 1883.

Towle & Gowen, 3 sheep killed,	$12 00	
M. V. B. Felker, 1 sheep killed,	3 50	
A. D. Nute, 1 lamb killed,	5 00	
Catharine Gerrish, 2 turkeys killed,	3 60	$24 10
		$30 62

ABATEMENTS, 1882.

Sarah A. Griffin, on money by error,	$5 90	
George W. Bodge, on horse,	94	
David H. Evans, on dog by mistake,	1 00	
Joseph A. Jenkins, on poll, being over 70,	83	$8 67
" " " " highway,	35	
Geo. O. Hayes, School house tax, Dis. No. 4,	4 64	

SCHOOL MONEY FOR 1882.

Raised by law,	$549 50
Raised by vote of town,	100 00
Dog Tax,	11 00
Literary Fund,	27 14
" " interest on note of $228 in C. W. Hayes' hands,	11 40
	$699 04

CHARLES W. HAYES, Treasurer.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

Town of Madbury for Year Ending Mar. 1, 1883.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Amount of money, $106.21.
Ira T. Jenkins, Prudential Committee.
Summer Term—Miss Lizzie P. Thompson, Teacher.
Wages per month, $24.00.
Length of Term, 9 weeks.
Number of pupils, 3.
Average daily attendance, 2.8.
No. of pupils who have not been absent, 1.
No. of pupils on the roll of honor, 0.

Fall Term—Miss Lizzie P. Thompson, Teacher.
Wages per month, $24.00.
Length of Term, 8 weeks.
Number of pupils, 3.
Average daily attendance, 2.6.
No. of pupils who have not been absent, 0.
No. of pupils on the roll of honor, 0.

This school is small, yet contains some fine scholars. This was Miss Thompson's first attempt at teaching. Miss Thompson is a student of Worcester Normal School, and no one could visit her school without being convinced of the benefit of her training as a teacher. She was perfectly at home in the school room, and everything was done with the order and regularity of clock work. Such teaching could but be beneficial to the pupils. This school made moderate advancement in all of the classes, and the closing examination showed conclusively that there had been earnest work on the part of both teacher and scholars.

Winter Term—Miss Addie F. March, Teacher.
Wages per month, $32.00.
Length of Term, 13 weeks unfinished.
Number of pupils, 3.
Average daily attendance, 3.
No. of pupils who have not been absent, 1.
No. of pupils on the roll of honor, 1—Charles E. Jenkins.

This term was presided over by one thoroughly competent to teach such a school. Miss March is a graduate of Gorham Normal School, Maine. Here we find the benefits of the training of the Normal School were obvious to the most casual observer. Miss March kept a good school and faithfully discharged her duty. The scholars made good advancement, and were much benefited by this term of school.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Amount of money, $255.57.
Ivory H. Kelley, Prudential Committee.
Summer Term—Miss Sarah K. Page, Teacher.
Wages per month, $30.00.
Length of Term, 10 weeks.
Number of pupils, 18.
Average daily attendance, 15.
No. of pupils who have not been absent, 4.
No. of pupils on the roll of honor, 4—George O. Berry, Stephen W. Berry, Herbert Berry and Chas. B. Pineo.

This school is composed mostly of small scholars. Although by the efforts of Miss Page, the school at the close showed that the teacher had succeeded in keeping quite good order One of the greatest failures in this school has been in spelling and writing. Any one by visiting could have seen that there was a deficiency on the part of the teachers, in terms past; and perhaps more in the interest manifested by the parents.

Fall Term—Miss Elizabeth A. Henderson, Teacher.
Wages per month $30,00.
Length of Term, 9 weeks.
Number of pupils, 22.
Average daily attendance, 18.
No. of pupils who have not been absent, 4,
No of pupils on the roll of honor, 4—Cora M. Henderson, Herbert Berry, Walter T. Fernald and Charles B. Pineo.

This was Miss Henderson's second attempt at teaching, and she seemed to understand the wants of the school, and therefore she wisely directed their course Commendable progress in reading and writing. The influence of parents is gratefully regarded when they visit the school room, and by their presence and kind words, encouraged both teacher and scholars. It is very desirable that they should do this in this district; but there are other ways in which their instrumentality may become effectual in producing a reanimation in the operation of the school.

Winter Term—Mr. Henry L. Felker, Teacher.
Wages per month, $30.00.
Length of term, 12 weeks.
Number of pupils, 19.
Average daily attendance, 16.
No of pupils who have not been absent, 5.
No. of pupils on the roll of honor, 5—Herbert Berry, Harry Jenkins, Albert Jenkins, Charles W. Jenkins and Irving E Young.

The school gave evidence of a moderate advance in all its classes, without any marked progress in any particular

branch. The school was found to be very noisy, and under no very good discipline, at commencement. If you think your children are not advancing as fast as they might in their studies which is no uncommon thing for parents, before uttering complaints, obtain from the teacher and from other proper sources all the information you can, and act accordingly.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Amount of money, $152.18.
Charles W. Hayes, Prudential Committee.
Summer Term—Miss Nellie L. Locke, Teacher.
Wages per month, $24 00.
Length of term, 11 weeks.
Number of pupils, 11.
Average daily attendance, 11.
No. of pupils who have not been absent, 7.
No. of pupils on the roll of honor, 7—Arthur Fernald, Addie J. Evans, Rosa A. Emerson, Nellie M. Hayes, Anna L. Hayes, Annie A. Varney and Effie L. Varney.

Miss Locke's former experience as a teacher needs no comments from the Committee, for she has succeeded well in this school, the present term as well as heretofore. It would have been more satisfactory to some in the district if she had attended strictly to the school progress, rather than follow other pursuits.

Fall Term—Miss Anna M. Glidden, Teacher.
Wages per month, $24 00.
Length of term, 11 weeks.
Number of pupils, 12.
Average daily attendance, 11.46.
No. of pupils who have not been absent, 7.
No. of pupils on the roll of honor, 7,—Elvin K. Varney, John N. Young, Rosa A. Emerson, Nellie M. Hayes, Anna L. Hayes, Effie L. Varney and Addie J. Evans.

Winter Term—Miss Anna M. Glidden, Teacher

Wages per month, $24 00.
Length of term, 10 weeks, 3 1-2 days.
Number of pupils, 12.
Average daily attendance, 11.72.
No. of pupils who have not been absent, 9.
No. of pupils on the roll of honor, 9—Mo timer Blackmer, Arthur L. Fernald, Elvin K. Varney, John N. Young, Rosa A Emerson, Nellie M Hayes, Anna L. Hayes, A. A. Varney and Effie L. Varney.

Excellent order in the school, progress and discipline good. The closing examination showed that there had been commendable progress in all the classes. Prudential Committee and parents, encouraged and stimulated the teacher to do her best, and she performed well her part. Your scholars are all well disposed and waiting for thorough practical instruction. You need a good teacher for every term It will be hard for teachers to govern your schools and leave plenty of time to give instruction, if you do not help to govern. It will take you all, parents, teachers and scholars to make your schools what they should be. It is the decided opinion of your Superintendent that these schools have in a great measure, accomplished its purpose.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Amount of money $163.51.
Isaac G. Felker, Prudential Committee.
Summer Term—Miss Lillie L. Young, Teacher.
Wages per month, $24.00.
Length of term, 8 weeks.
No. of pupils, 14.
Average daily attendance, 12.
No. of pupils who have not been absent 4.
No. of pupils on the roll of honor, 4—Elery M. Felker, Walter T. Twombly, Lavina H. Twombly and Esther S. Young.

This school was overtaken by sickness, and was closed without any examination. We trust this has been a very profitable term, and has given satisfaction to all. Miss Young is a graduate of the Normal School at Plymouth, and actually knew the requirements of a teacher. It is a hope-

less matter, in some districts, to give satisfaction to all. It is the easiest of all things to find fault. It would be well if some of the parents had to take the place of a teacher; they might learn to appreciate the difficulties of the position.

Winter Term—J. Edward Pickering, Teacher.
Wages per month, $30.00.
Length of term, 11 weeks.
No. of pupils, 21.
Average daily attendance, 17.
No. of pupils who have not been absent, 4.
No. of pupils on the roll of honor, 4—John J. Higgins, Ellery M. Felker, Charles G. Sanders and Mary A. Huckins.

Notwithstanding this was Mr. Pickering's first school he succeeded well; the progress was good, better than many schools with teachers of much experience. The closing examination was very satisfactory. This school is more advanced in mathematics of any in the town. There was a little trouble in this school but not of much consequence as it was caused by some previous term. There are elements of success that never fail to secure a good school, viz., industrious, obedient scholars and the hearty co-operation of all parents and guardians. The question is have we these elements of success? If we have not we ought to be ashamed of ourselves and never hope for anything better than failure. It is a lamentable fact that many of the parents do not co-operate with the committee and teachers to secure a good school. Years ago parents brought up their children; now children bring down their parents. The parents are too jealous of their prerogatives, their children are as good if not better than any in town, and their attendance at school is an honor to the district and a compliment to the teacher.

CONDITIONS.

A few practical remarks will terminate this report. I believe there has been a greater degree of harmony in the schools this year than there was last year, and as much aggregate advancement in the sciences pursued on the part of the pupils. Quite a number attended the schools the last term who will probably never again attend a district school, unless

very soon, and taught by a cultured and first class teacher. It is well to provide for the education of our most advanced ambitious pupils as long as possible at home. You must also insist upon getting the best teachers possible. There is a vast difference between a teacher who is barely legally qualified and one of superior and first class qualifications.

As is the teacher, such usually will be the school. In nearly all the school houses there is an entire absence of any thing like school apparatus or outline maps. There is not a single clock or thermometer in all the school houses in town.

Blackboards in many cases are the merest apologies. A small sum appropriated either by the town or by the districts to furnish these things would be of material benefit to the schools.

EXAMINATIONS.

We have heard of instances when the teacher spent a large portion of the latter part of the term in a special preparation for examination by the rehearsal of set questions, reading lessons, etc. We like to have every question answered at an examination if possible; but still, this matter should not be carried so far as to neglect the remainder of the text book, and only be prepared to answer such portions as have received a particular drill. A review of the whole ground gone over should be taken sufficiently often to keep the study fresh in the minds of the class; then they will be prepared to answer any question proposed.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Allow your committee to call your attention to the subject of school houses, as this deserves to be presented. Most of our school houses are convenient and suitable abiding places for our children. What are others but "old dilapidated, insignificant ruins of former days." Compare them with our dwellings, our barns, if you please, and will any one say they are not a disgrace to the districts to which they belong and to the town. Will not the parents in district No. 2 take this matter in consideration? The place where scholars are required to spend a great portion of their youthful days, should be made as home like, inviting and agreeable as possible. This place is the school room and in it should be such conveniences and attractions as to make it as much like "sweet home" as it can be made to be.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY L. FELKER,
Supt. School Com.